



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

February 3, 2010

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Although it may feel like a mid-winter lull, there is lots of activity buzzing around in the Lincoln community. Literally, that buzzing is the Lincoln 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 3 lucky Lincoln dads preparing to represent Lincoln at the WFEE trivia bee. Please come and support them tonight (February 3<sup>rd</sup>) at Town Hall from 7-9:30. Andrea Cogan and Lynn Vozzella, the dynamic duo of health, are preparing for our inaugural Health Fair. This will be held during the school day on February 12<sup>th</sup> for students. They are looking for parent helpers to help coordinate before the event and some to be present on the 12<sup>th</sup> to help with students. Please contact them if you are willing and able! Also, please look for a notice describing the Literary Lunch which will begin soon. This is a trial program in place of the Jr. Great Books program we've utilized in the past. Parent volunteers are critical to its success so please email Jen Degnan ([jldegnan@msn.com](mailto:jldegnan@msn.com)) or Deirdre Giblin ([DeirdreGiblin@comcast.net](mailto:DeirdreGiblin@comcast.net)) if you can help. Please submit any ideas or issues that you would like to see discussed at our next LSPA meeting on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Our best, Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump ([lindamcdonough@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamcdonough@yahoo.com)) and [bridget.stump@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.stump@gmail.com)

### CALENDAR

**Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

LSPA Meeting 8:30 am at Library

**Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Lincoln Health Fair (students only)

**Feb. 15-19**

Winter Break: No School

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Winter Concert

### LITERARY LUNCH

This year the LSPA is proud to sponsor a new lunchtime reading opportunity. Students in grades 1-4 participating in the program meet in small groups of their grade-level peers to discuss and explore a book once a week during lunch period. The program runs for four weeks and starts in early February. Each grade will read 1-2 grade-appropriate books, and there is no

cost to participate. Parents—this is an entirely volunteer-run program. Please consider volunteering to lead or assist your child's group. A flier has been sent home, and more are available on the LSPA table across from the library. Fifth-grade students will be participating in a separate program. Please contact Jen Degnan (781-721-5549 [jldegnan@msn.com](mailto:jldegnan@msn.com)) or Deirdre Giblin ([DeirdreGiblin@comcast.net](mailto:DeirdreGiblin@comcast.net)) with any questions.

### WHILE WE ARE STILL IN FIFTH GRADE

Dear 5th grade parents: please mark your calendars for the evening of February 24th at 7:00 at the Jenks center for a program for all 5th grade parents before your children transition to the McCall Middle School for the 2010 school year. This is the second annual 5th Grade Program sponsored by the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community in partnership with all 5th grade Committees throughout the town. The evening will consist of a panel of administrators, counselors and teachers that will be responding to audience questions and concerns with the changes our 5th graders are starting to experience and will continue to experience as they finish elementary school.

### MATH AND SCIENCE MANIA

Calling all scientists in the Lincoln School Community! A Math and Science Mania program will be held Wednesday May 5 from 6-7:30 pm at Lincoln School. The planning committee is looking for parent volunteers to help create and present science and technology stations for the event. In past years, display topics included "See the sounds" (computer displays of sound frequencies), "Explore the world of engineering," "Optics, the science of light," "The MIT Chemistry Department," and "Polymers." We are hoping to have stations representing the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. If you would like to help us create a display in the area of your expertise, please contact Caroline Shamu at [caroline\\_shamu@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:caroline_shamu@hms.harvard.edu).

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANKS

Saturday morning was a beautiful sunny day and a fundraising success for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The pancake breakfast ran like 'clockwork' according to many of the patrons thanks to our wonderful cast of parent volunteers and eager to help 5<sup>th</sup> graders. All of you made this event a great success and we could not have done it without you! We would also like to sincerely thank all of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Pancake Committee Members. From working with all of the donating vendors, picking-up supplies and shopping to getting up with the sun Saturday morning to ensure we were ready. Thank you! Of course as this is a fundraiser we couldn't have pulled it off without so many of our supplies being donated. A big thank you to Bickford's Family Restaurant, Wilson Farms, Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Winchester Cooperative Bank, Costco, Mailboxes Business Center, Stop & Shop and Petersons Party Center for making our event a huge success. Please continue to support these generous merchants.

Kind Regards,

Margie Peterson & Susan McPhee  
Pancake Co-Chairs

### MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

The Mentoring Program for fourth and fifth graders is moving into full swing! The process of recruiting mentors based on student interest is complete. Student assignments will be sent out this week via e-mail. Mark your calendars—the Mentor Sharing and Recognition Event will be held Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30. All are welcome! Alison Bayiates, Co-Chair, [alandart@verizon.net](mailto:alandart@verizon.net), Tobey Kelly, Co-Chair, [tobey.kelly@comcast.net](mailto:tobey.kelly@comcast.net)

### LINCOLN SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

On Friday, February 12, 2010, Lincoln will be having its first health fair. We are focusing on Ways to Promote Good Health through nutrition, exercise, wellness, relaxation, personal hygiene, physical activity, and pedestrian and internet safety. We will have about 12 stations, and each class will rotate to a station. The Health

Fair is for students in grades K-5. Andrea Cogan is looking for volunteers to escort the students to and from each station, use the overhead page system to call down classes, or assist at a station. If you have an interest in helping or a connection with anyone in a health/exercise field, please contact Andrea Cogan at [acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Winchester Friends of Music will be meeting on Monday, February 8, at 7:00 pm in the Band Room at Winchester High School. The Friends of Music support the Winchester public schools' music program from pre-K thru grade 12. We raise funds to buy instruments and sheet music for classroom use, to bring in enrichment programs and to help in other ways requested by the department. Past fundraisers have included an evening of shopping at Crate and Barrel, an evening of music by the Heath Sisters, and selling refreshments at Winchester home football games. We also serve as chaperones, "roadies", and advocates for music in the public schools. Please join us on February 8 as we meet with the Acting Director of Music and hear his report on plans for the music department for the rest of this year, as well as next year; get an update from the Marching Band Uniform Fund committee; and discuss music department events, including fundraising, for the rest of the year. If you have any questions about Friends of Music or our February meeting, please contact Melodie Wing at 781-721-2364 or [melodiewing@comcast.net](mailto:melodiewing@comcast.net).

### SYBS 2010 SPRING REGISTRATION

Although it still feels like winter, baseball/softball season is not far away. Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15, as of April 30, 2010) and softball (K – 8th grade) for the 2010 spring season. Registrations must be completed by March 15, 2010, in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. SYBS has made a number of changes to the softball program that will enhance the experience for players and families. Spring Age Groups: Clinic (K-2: commissioners Susan Wiseman and Danielle Ladd)—held on Saturday afternoons from 2-3:30PM at Westside (Start date TBA), Junior (Grades 3-5: commissioner Mikie Ulwick)—teams assigned by elementary school (Times, Days, Location TBA). Visit the SYBS website (<http://www.sybs.org>) and click on "Registration." Players who register after

March 15, 2010, will be assigned to a team on a space-available basis.

### PARENT TO PARENT

"What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex: Parenting in an Oversexualized, Online, In-Your-Face World" Sharon Maxwell, PhD is a clinical psychologist with a private practice, author, speaker, consultant, and mom. Back by popular demand, Dr. Maxwell will speak to parents on Wednesday, March 10th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Winchester High School. Her book will be on sale from BookEnds at the program. Our children are being barraged by sexual information and stimulation at an earlier and earlier age. As parents, we need to be proactive in giving our children the information and behavioral guidelines they need to successfully handle both media and peer pressure. Schools can do only so much to teach about basic facts and healthy habits. We need to begin a deeper conversation with our kids while our opinion is still more valuable than the influence of their peers. However, it is never too late to start. This program will present parents with practical and positive ways of beginning and sustaining a dialogue about sexuality that includes values, guidelines for behavior, and peer pressure. Parent to Parent would like to thank ENKA for its generous support in helping fund this program. For more information please visit [www.parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://www.parenttoparentwinchester.org)

### FREE ONLINE STUDENT HELP

**Service Offered by Winchester Public Library:** HelpNow!, powered by Brainfuse, is online tutoring offered through the Winchester Public Library. Log on to the library website databases, and students in grades 3-12 can receive live help in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. The online classroom uses Instant Messenger and a whiteboard to share the messages. HelpNow also has a Writing Lab! Send your paper to a tutor and receive a constructive response within 24 hours! There are no session limits, and the hours are Monday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Take advantage of this special service for homework help or specific skills building! Give it a try, fill out a brief survey form in the children's room at the Winchester Public Library, and you will be entered in a raffle for Book Ends gift certificates! Deadline: February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### TASTE OF WINCHESTER

The 4th annual "Taste of Winchester", to benefit the Griffin Museum of Photography, will be held on Friday, March 26th, 2010 from 7 to 10 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography. This popular community event is a chance to sample delicious food and wine from favorite local restaurants and shops, enjoy live music and win fabulous door prizes. Tickets are \$60 and will be available at the end of February at Bookends and through the Griffin Museum [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org) (781)729-1158. The event sold out last year, so be sure to get your tickets early!

### FANSPLASH UPDATES

#### WINTER FIESTA!

Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash! The Winchester Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borggaard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer, and a 50/50 raffle will be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table. You can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at [info@fansplash.org](mailto:info@fansplash.org) for more information. Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org), or at Bookends. Please feel free to email [WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee.

### LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

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